

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 were submitted for examination in the present application. Of these claims, claims 1 – 20, 24, and 29 – 44 stand rejected, and claims 21-23 and 25-28 have been determined to contain allowable subject matter. Rejected claims 1-20, 24, and 29-44 have been canceled. Claims 45-61 are new claims submitted for examination in the present amendment. Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 21-23 and 25-28 is noted with appreciation. Applicants respectfully assert that new claims 45-61 are directed to the same general subject matter indicated as being allowed in claims 21-23 and 25-28.

New independent claim 45 requires at least one wall and a knockout formed in the at least one wall that is adapted for removal from the wall to form an opening when the knockout is removed. The opening has an innermost edge portion. Claim 45 further recites a wall coupler disposed on the at least on wall adjacent the innermost edge portion of the opening and a knockout coupler disposed on the knockout and adapted to connect the knockout to the wall coupler so that the knockout extends from at least the innermost edge portion to at least partially cover the opening.

Applicants respectfully assert that new claim 45 generally contains the subject matter indicated as allowable in the Action. In addition, claim 45 overcomes the closest cited prior art in the Action. King, U.S. Patent No. 6,264,056, does not disclose a knockout coupler that connects to a wall coupler such that the knockout extends from an innermost edge portion of an opening formed when the knockout is removed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 45 and claims 46-54, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the prior art.

New independent claim 55 requires at least one inclined wall and a knockout formed in the at least one inclined wall adapted for removal from the wall. Claim 55

further recites at least one wall extension disposed on the at least one inclined wall and at least one knockout extension disposed on the knockout adapted to interconnect with the at least one wall extension.

Again, Applicants respectfully assert that new claim 55 generally contains the subject matter indicated as allowable in the Action. In addition, claim 55 overcomes the closest cited prior art in the Action. King, U.S. Patent No. 6,264,056, does not disclose at least one wall extension and at least one knockout extension disposed in a predominantly vertical orientation. Rather, the knockout extension of King, pull tab 17, is horizontally oriented. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 55 and claims 56-61, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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